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**From:** Robert Harris (DEQ) [Robert.Harris3@la.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/19/2017 9:13:17 PM  
**To:** Kuziomko, Joseph [kuziomko.joseph@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ORCR Project Regarding OB/OD Sites

**Flag:** Follow up

Hi Joe,

I am trying to find out this information for you. Does the 7 in the units column, mean 7 opening burning units? And what does the 2 under unit detail mean?

Thanks

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**From:** Michael Miller (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donelson Caffery; Robert Harris (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: ORCR Project Regarding OB/OD Sites

Don,

I don't deal with LAAP any longer; Bob Harris does. He could help you with the questions, given enough time. Interesting that the unit at Fort Polk is not listed. I don't believe any OB/OD units have been clean closed in the State. The one at Polk is undergoing long-term monitoring. As for LAAP, I'm not sure which units are being referred to. There are also former testing areas for munitions which may be categorized as OB/OD units. Is there a way to have EPA clarify which units are being referred to in the Table? This looks like it comes from RCRAInfo.

Mike

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**From:** Donelson Caffery  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:52 PM  
**To:** Michael Miller (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: ORCR Project Regarding OB/OD Sites

Mike,

We got this information request from EPA. Could you possibly help us out with answering questions 1-4 and 9 (the second set below) for the LAAP facility?

Thanks,

Don

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**From:** Kuziomko, Joseph [<mailto:kuziomko.joseph@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Donelson Caffery; Will Steele; Mia Townsel; Lina Saale  
**Cc:** Shuster, Kenneth; Pena-Molina, Ana; Kohler, Amanda  
**Subject:** ORCR Project Regarding OB/OD Sites

I am writing to seek information on the closure status of the Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) units listed below to assist ORCR in a new project to assess closure of OB/OD units. With this information, EPA will be able to identify, evaluate, and document procedures, techniques, and criteria to assess, clean up, and close OB/OD units/sites in a standardized manner.

EPA has been documenting soil and ground water contamination from OB/OD units and the costs to clean them up. Given the inordinate extent of contamination and costs of clean-up that have been reported, we are now seeking to learn more about the monitoring, clean-up procedures, successes, and costs of these efforts. There is currently no national guidance on procedures to assess, monitor, and clean up OB/OD sites, nor metrics to achieve clean closure of OB/OD units. We are requesting information on the clean closure (CC) of OB/OD sites to assist us.

Please first verify the following codes for your facilities in Louisiana.

Louisiana							
FACILITY_ID	FACILITY_NAME	UNIT_NAME	UNITs	UNIT_DETAIL_SEQ	legal status	operating status	EFFECTIVE_DATE
LA9571924050	BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE	OB/OD	3	3	PI	CC	19990621
LAD981055791	CLEAN HARBORS COLFAX	OLD BURN PAD	2	4	PI	CC	19970818
LAD981055791	CLEAN HARBORS COLFAX	OLD BURNPAD/TROUGH	7	2	PI	CC	19970818
LA0213820533	LA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT	OPEN BURNING	7	2	IT	SF	19960930

**Questions:**

We have a number of questions we hope you can answer regarding your clean closed/closing sites. The operating status of the facilities will determine which sets of questions are to be answered. We understand that some of this data may be difficult to find but we would really appreciate if you could dig it up for us as it will help us move forward with this project and eventually help EPA update OB/OD closing procedures.

**Clean Closed (CC) Facilities' questions:**

1. Did these sites complete clean closure or are they still in the process of seeking to clean close?
2. Did the state officially certify/approve the unit(s) Clean Closed (CC)?
3. What was the volume of waste disposed, frequency (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly, periodically), and years of operation?
4. Was it OB or OD or both?
5. What sampling procedures were used to identify the extent of the contamination, including kick-out and fallout (e.g., geophysical techniques used to identify buried munitions and fragments; trenching; grid, spokes, meandering way, visual, or random sampling of soil/for kick-out; depth; until no more found; and ground water monitoring)?
6. Were components of the unit removed (e.g., any platforms, pans, pads, and liners)?
7. What clean-up procedures and techniques were used to clean up the contaminants (e.g., excavation, soil sifting)?
8. What data was recorded and metrics used to evaluate the extent and levels of contamination?

9. What criteria was used to certify clean closure (e.g., EPA action levels)?
10. What was the total cost to achieve Clean Closed (CC) status?

**Inactive/Closing, but Not Yet RCRA Closed (IN) and Corrective Action and Superfund (CA, SF) Facilities' questions:**

1. Are these units seeking to clean close?
2. If so, what criteria is being used to attempt clean closure (e.g., EPA action levels)?
3. What was the volume of waste disposed, frequency (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly, periodically), and years of operation?
4. Was it OB or OD or both?
5. What sampling procedures are being used to identify the extent of the contamination, including kick-out and fallout (e.g., geophysical techniques used to identify buried munitions and fragments; trenching; grid, spokes, meandering way, visual, or random sampling of soil/for kick-out; depth; until no more found; and ground water monitoring)?
6. Were components of the unit removed (e.g., any platforms, pans, pads, and liners)?
7. What clean-up procedures and techniques are being used to clean up the contaminants (e.g., excavation, soil sifting)?
8. What data is being recorded and metrics being used to evaluate the extent and levels of contamination?
9. What is the total cost to date to remediate the site?

We plan to have a contractor gather this information on a select number of sites from the states. The purpose of this current effort is to gather information on the status of cleanup at these sites to help us identify which sites have the best information for our contractor to follow up with. Thus, for this effort, we seek answers to questions 1-4 and the last question in each set, and for the remaining questions we seek whether or not good information exists to answer these questions. We hope to receive this information by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for taking time to assist us with this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Any information that you may be able to provide will be helpful in our project.

Sincerely,  
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